

Things to help a new leader:

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Oregon State 4-H Website <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h>

NEWSLETTER

- The yearly schedule is listed in the INSIDE COVER of the newsletter which is printed about every monthly or bi-monthly depending on need.
- Most of the year's schedule is there, but BINGO dates are not set yet. (some of the things done are put on by the 4-H Association, and they need to discuss this at their meetings.
- Make sure you read through this and ask questions if you don't know what something is. Explain things to kids/remind them at meetings. They also get the newsletter

4-H ASSOCIATION

- This is a group of leaders who raise money for the 4-H program. Clubs are asked to help with fundraisers. There are between 7 and 24 on the Association and sometimes you might be asked to help with a committee or be on the Association board. Clubs are asked to help in fundraising in the following ways:
 - Bringing Bingo or raffle items to events (usually 2 bingos and Recognition night (usually in November)
 - Come and play bingo if you can
 - Selling a few pig raffle tickets before fair
 - Helping serve in the chicken coop at fair (not optional)....maybe helping with the beef BBQ at fair
- This group raises money that funds:
 - Each project area \$100 or \$200 for seminars/workshops/field days
 - Lock-In/retreat scholarships
 - Membership scholarships to those who qualify
 - Workshop expenses (most workshops are free)
 - Special fair award
 - Leader/member training
 - Club House Expenses
 - Just to name a few.....

FAIR REQUIRMENTS-Things you want to work on during the year...don't leave till the end:

Fair Requirements-Don't wait until fair to have the kids work on meeting these. Without meeting the fair requirements by the end of June (or early July) the kids cannot show at fair. We would like these done in 4-H but if they do these in school, we count them.

- Presentations-The kids can do a club presentation or present at the county presentation day in March, but they need to do some sort of presentation. County presentations are the best learning tool since they prepare a speech and present it in front of a judge....and they can all get it done on one day! (Usually the judging is a Tuesday night in the beginning of March). Those Intermediates and Seniors who qualify can also so this at state fair.
- Leadership-use your older leaders to help you lead your club. The newsletter has a lot of tips on this.
- Activity outside of your club-We put on a lot of educational events throughout the year. We ask that members go to at least one of these.
- Community Service—4-H offers some things you can do, or you can do your own. We offer through the office:
 - Making placemats for the elderly (Oct.)...we have 11 x 17 sheets that can be colored and turned back in
 - Pumpkin Carving at care center (Oct.)...carve with the elderly....bring a pumpkin and carving tools
 - Ornaments for wishing tree...these ornaments are placed on the trees in town during the holiday season

All of this participation is written into a “My 4-H Resume” and turned in with their project records by the record book deadline. Workshops on where to put things in the Resume are done about 3 times a year.

RECOGNITION NIGHT—In November we recognize leaders and members for their past year’s involvement. All leaders and members who show up to the event (usually in November) get recognized and some get pins. Members get pins for their 1,3,5,7,9th year of involvement. Leaders get pins for their 1,5,10, 15, 20, etc. years of involvement. Also, special awards are given for members and leaders, as well as record book awards.

RECORD BOOKS FOR AWARDS—After fair, members can do a little bit more and get their records into a book with a story and photos and submit it for Record Book Competition usually due end of September. This is a great way to finish off a 4-H year. These members are eligible to get pins for their projects they excel in.

LEADER ADVISORY MEETINGS—these meetings are important. This is where each project area talks about their ideas, issues, topics. All leaders are welcome and older youth, but each club should have 1 person from their club represented.

LIST OF WHO TO CALL—In the front of your New Leader Binder, there is a list of who you can call for what. Also, you can get more names and numbers at the advisory meetings if you talk to people, or from the office.

PROJECT BOOKS—each leader can get one set of books free for each project area they are leading. Members will need to purchase their own materials over \$5.00.

2 DEEP LEADERSHIP-You need at least 2 leaders per club, but using more parents is a great idea. Putting them in charge of helping makes it more of a “family” feel and less work for you...and more fun! They can be in charge of organizing presentations, community service project, helping with record books, etc.